

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 134

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Doris "Granny" Sprecher upon receiving the White House Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Doris "Granny" Sprecher, who is the 2011 winner of the White House Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sprecher is an astute and dedicated community leader who has earned the respect of her peers and the citizens she serves for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, a native of Big Pool, Maryland, Doris Sprecher is a 1957 graduate of Clear Springs High School; and

WHEREAS, she moved to Tennessee in 1967 with five children and worked three jobs to support her family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sprecher served with acumen and alacrity as an employee at H.G. Hills in Hendersonville, during which time she began Tennessee Chow Chow Relish in 1986, which she began making as gifts for her superiors and fellow employees; and

WHEREAS, the success of her relish prompted her to start Granny's Restaurant in 1995; and

WHEREAS, she has been featured in the *Tennessean* and on Tennessee Crossroads twice and she continues to graciously donate her time and energies to fundraising dinners for local clubs, homeless shelters, and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments aside, Doris Sprecher is most proud of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Tim Sprecher, her six grandchildren, and her three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the greater White House community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Doris Sprecher; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mrs. Sprecher who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Doris Sprecher for her many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to others, and her astute leadership in White House; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Doris “Granny” Sprecher upon receiving the White House Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award, commend her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.